



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

February 3, 2015

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
A GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR
THE OLYMPIC-SIZED POOL PROJECT IN THE CASTAIC SPORTS COMPLEX
(FIFTH DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$3,700,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for development of an Olympic-sized pool in the Castaic Sports Complex.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Olympic-Sized Pool Project in the Castaic Sports Complex is within the scope of the previously adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Castaic Sports Complex Pool Project.
2. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the proposed Olympic-Sized Pool Project in the Castaic Sports Complex.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for the proposed Olympic-Sized Pool Project in the Castaic Sports Complex (Project).

The proposed Project involves the development of an Olympic-sized pool in the Castaic Sports Complex. The scope of work also includes construction of a retaining wall at the Southern California Edison Boundary, expansion of the restrooms, completion of the concession and exercise rooms, and improvements of landscaping, walkway, and associated decking.

The total project cost is estimated at \$7,625,000. The recommended \$3,700,000 of County Excess Funds will be supplemented by \$3,066,000 of net County cost and \$859,000 of net County cost allocated for enhanced unincorporated area services (Proposition 62).

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the Project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee's agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the Project, if applicable. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing recreational activities in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$3,700,000 is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District's portion of Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. DPR has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The proposed Project will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award the grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide for governing the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will also appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with the CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

On September 20, 2011, the Board adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Castaic Sports Complex Pool Project. The proposed Project is within the scope of the Castaic Sports Complex Pool Project considered in the approved MND and MMRP.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required so that DPR may proceed with the Project in the Fifth Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division; and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY
Director

RG:JB:WRO

c: Interim Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors